

POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY CHECKLIST
FOR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

COUNTY: _____ PRECINCT NUMBER: _____

POLLING PLACE ADDRESS _____

1. PARKING AREA/(GUIDELINES 1.1 through 1.3 are desirable but not mandatory)

1.1 Is off-street parking space _____ Yes _____ No
available at the polling place?

If "yes" answer questions 1.1a-1.1c.

If "no" proceed directly to question 1.2.

1.1a Is at least one parking space _____ Yes _____ No
available for use by handicapped
and elderly voters?

1.1b Is this parking space at least _____ Yes _____ No
14 feet wide?

1.1c Is the parking space on a flat _____ Yes _____ No
surface (slope no greater than 1/4
inch per foot in any direction)?

1.2 If on-street parking is available, is at _____ Yes _____ No
least one space a minimum of 18 feet long
reserved for use by disabled and elderly
voters?

1.3 Is the parking area no more than 200 feet _____ Yes _____ No
from the entrance to the polling place?

2. PATH OF TRAVEL FROM THE PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE TO THE POLLING PLACE

2.1 Is there a continuous common surface _____ Yes _____ No
(i.e. not interrupted by unramped steps
or stairs; no abrupt changes in level
exceeding 1/2 inch; no rough surfaces
such as gravel or grass; no slopes

exceeding 1 foot rise in 12 feet horizon run) on the path of travel from the public thoroughfare to the polling place?

2.2 Are any sidewalks or other walkways in the path of travel a minimum of 36 inches wide? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.0 POLLING PLACE

3.1 Do doorways in the path of travel have a minimum clearance of 30 inches with the door open at 90 degrees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.2 Are door sills or thresholds in the path of travel no more than 1/2 inch in height? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.3 Are corridors in the path of travel at least 36 inches wide? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.4 Is there provision for voters to vote in a seated position at a table no higher than 36 inches, or at a voting booth accessible to a wheelchair? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.5 If voting in a seated position is provided, is adequate privacy guaranteed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.6 Does the polling place provide for adequate lighting near voting surfaces? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.7 Are there any low-hanging objects, protruberances from walls, or other obstacles that might be dangerous to visually impaired or disabled persons in voter's path of travel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3.7.1 If yes, have precinct officials been instructed to remove these objects or otherwise make them safe on election day? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4.0 RAMPS (if applicable)

Check here if not applicable for precinct _____

- 4.1 Is ramp equipped with handrails? _____ Yes _____ No
- 4.2 Does ramp have a non-slip surface? _____ Yes _____ No
- 4.3 Is ramp slope less than or equal to 1 inch rise in 12 inches of travel? _____ Yes _____ No
- 4.4 If ramp is longer than 10 feet and the ramp does not abut a wall or other structure, are wheel guides at least 2 inches high provided? _____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A
- 4.5 Is the ramp at least 36 inches wide? _____ Yes _____ No
- 4.6 Is there a landing at both the top and bottom of the ramp? _____ Yes _____ No
- 4.7 If the ramp is placed directly in front of a doorway, is the landing area of adequate size to facilitate easy opening of the door? _____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A

5.0 ELEVATORS (if applicable)

Check here if not applicable for precinct _____

- 5.1 If an elevator is used to reach the voting area, is it large enough to accomodate a wheelchair that is 40 inches long and 32 inches wide? _____ Yes _____ No
- 5.2 Does the elevator doorway have at least 32 inches clearance? _____ Yes _____ No
- 5.3 Are elevator controls no higher than 54 inches from the elevator floor? (not applicable if elevator operator is present) _____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A
- 5.4 Are elevator controls usable by visually impaired persons (e.g. raised numerals or braille symbols)? (not applicable if elevator operator is present) _____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A

6.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

6.1 Describe the general characteristic of the terrain around the polling place area?
(flat, hilly, desert, etc) _____

6.2 Indicate the nature of the building used as a polling place location.

☐ private residence

☐ mobile home park facility

☐ single family

☐ senior citizen facility

☐ apartment

☐ garage

☐ church

☐ business

☐ library

☐ club/lodge/association

☐ fire station

☐ school

☐ other public building (specify) _____

☐ other (specify) _____

7.0 Determination of Polling Place Accessibility

Based upon the survey you have just completed using this checklist, is the polling place:

(Check One)

A. Accessible

(Meets all of the accessibility requirements as specified on this checklist)

B. Inaccessible

(Does not meet all the accessibility requirements as specified on this checklist)

Signature: _____

(Print): _____

8.0 Determination of Usability

The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee has evaluated the barriers to accessibility identified on this checklist, and has determined that although this polling place does not meet the Secretary of State's requirements for accessibility, the polling location may be classified as "usable" to disabled and elderly voters.

Signature: _____

Chair, VAAC

(Print Name): _____

Briefly explain why this polling place, though not strictly "accessible", is still "usable" by disabled and elderly voters. _____
